

# Faculty defeats self-scheduled exam proposal

by Robin Darling

The faculty rejected the proposed plan for self-scheduled exams at its meeting Wednesday afternoon by a vote of 66 to 56. Under the plan, a student would have been permitted to take an exam in any time slot on which her instructor was scheduled to give an exam.

The plan has been sent back to the Committee on Instruction and Academic Affairs for further consideration in consultation with the SA and the Honor Council. In the 81-41 decision, the faculty indicated the further necessity of discussing and reviewing optional finals, which many of the faculty dislike, and self-scheduled exams.

In one of the numerous speeches that came from both sides, a faculty member stated that he believed in the Honor System, but that the proposed plan would put too much strain on it. Some professors felt that it would be asking too much of a student to take an oath requiring that she not reveal the nature or contents of an exam to those taking it at a different time.

Those opposed to self-scheduling also held that

the plan, in combination with the five-day week and optional finals, would weaken the academic standards of the college. With the recently-instituted optional exams, they argued, there has been less pressure on the students, and performance has declined as a result.

Faculty members who favored self-scheduling countered that optional exams had had no effect on the academics at MWC.

Bruce Carruthers, assistant professor of English, who voted in favor of self-scheduling, stated that he was "disappointed in the vote," but that faculty members brought up certain points about the Honor System as seriously affect self-scheduling. Carruthers said he feels faculty members should talk with the students before making a decision, discussing in particular the Honor System, and if and how it works.

One faculty member, talked at length with the BULLET about Wednesday's meeting and the passage of self-scheduled exams. He stated those who voted down the plan reasoned that, if exams were available during the two weeks at the end of the semester, "there would be a temptation that some would not be able

to overcome" to cheat and exchange information about exams.

Another anti-self-scheduling argument, he said, concerned the inconvenience for the faculty that the plan might precipitate. Some members were unwilling to stay at school for the full two weeks whereas others who gave no exams would be able to leave as soon as classes end.

However, the professor who gave an account of the meeting stated that he was in favor of self-scheduled finals, and discounted the argument that widespread cheating would result. "I'm for it . . . I'm willing to trust the majority of the students."

"While some may inevitably cheat, as they probably do now, that is not sufficient reason for not having self-scheduled exams . . . the majority (of students) should not be penalized."

He gave the plan little chance of passing and going into effect this year, and stated that if it came out of committee before exams "I'd be surprised . . . but I'm only speculating." Even if the plan emerges before summer, "I wouldn't want to bet too much money on it being passed."

## election results

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| WEGENER   | 375 |
| CONRAD    | 464 |
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Total number of students voting: 877

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## Bernadette Devlin at R-MWC:

## "You are a very selfish people"

by Linda Cayton  
Staff Correspondent

With a quiet eloquence Revolutionary Socialist Bernadette Devlin, one of 12 Irish representatives to the British House of Commons, captivated an audience at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg last week, as she compared the struggle

of the people of the United States to that of her native Ireland.

Ms. Devlin attacked the exploiters of the world who, she explained, are responsible for dividing countryman against countryman for the sake of personal profit. She stated that in Ireland the struggle is not chiefly that of Protestant against Catholic, but of the working class against the ruling class which seeks to divide them.

Likewise, in America, she continued, the struggle is against the exploiters, which make up the corporate state and only 5 per cent of this country's population.

Ms. Devlin explained that over one-half of America was stolen under the Homestead Act by Rockefeller, Carnegie, and other corporate giants. This stolen land, she continued, yielded food, homes, jobs, factories, mines, and profits to the owners and death, hunger, and misery to the people who labored there.

"We are people of the world," she stated, "not Irish and Catholics or blacks and whites."

"We are common people . . . who are sick of being told we're less than human, sick of going hungry, and sick of dying," Ms. Devlin explained in urging the workers of the world to seize the wealth which was stolen from them.

"We have to organize in a democratic majority to take our wealth," she continued. "That's not overthrowing, that's democracy. We have to carry on. The lives of our children and their children are at stake unless we control what is rightfully our means of production and distribution of the wealth of the world."

Ms. Devlin stated that "people are refusing to be intimidated by words, by jails, by bullets, guns, or armies. We must carry on building the revolution because we are right."

She criticized America's middle class for not acting, claiming that there exists here either atheism or a "pretty perverted form of Christianity." "You are a very selfish group of people," she stated. "Statistics don't bother you because you can afford to eat."

Speaking to middle America, Ms. Devlin warned that "no one is going to come and knock on your door and tell you when it's time for revolution."

"You in the middle class," she continued clearly and firmly, "can take it or leave it; join us or abandon us; but you can't stop us."



photo by Anne Gordon Greever

## "Country Wife" opens Wednesday

The MWC Players will present "The Country Wife," William Wycherley's comedy of wit and manners, March 17-20 in duPont Theatre.

Linda Ryan as Mrs. Pinchwife, Mitch Rouzie as Horner, Susan Ostendorf as Althea, Charles Howard as Sparkish, and Ann Reynolds as Lucy.

Curtain time will be at 8 p.m. for all performances. Tickets may be obtained at the box office in duPont Hall.

Members of the cast include David Cain as Pinchwife,

# FORUM

guest editorial

## Room for trust

An editorial in last week's BULLET declared the Honor System "worn out" because it is not 100 per cent effective. But the fact that violations occur is not a sound basis for advocating its abolition. Right now the system is in trouble in both the academic and social realms. The faults in the system are becoming obvious to all. But should we banish the whole thing, or strive to right the wrongs? I advocate the latter course.

In past times we have counseled freshmen to completely trust all other students. But recently, with the changing times, we have had to adopt a more realistic attitude. Those who would violate the System by stealing from their fellow students constitute a small minority. Nevertheless, students who trust everyone are being victimized by this small minority. The Honor System is here to give freedom to the student, not to give freedom to the thieves by opening more territory for them to explore. There is room for trust, but not for carelessness. Realistic mutual trust is needed.

The System is not here to built trust—the trust of the students is the basis for the System. The original goals of the Honor System seem to have been bypassed. The founders wanted to insure academic and social freedom. But now we seem lost in the details of the Code—it is preventing freedom in both realms. How can one trust when stealing is becoming more and more a problem? How can we value an Honor System when it seems to be preventing self-scheduling exams?

The BULLET calls the Honor System "meaningless." It is the meaningfulness of the System which needs to be re-examined. We must make it meaningful to our lives.

As individuals we must be able to work as a community, and it is through this sense of cooperation and community that we will help the Honor System—and ourselves—to grow.

Beth Conrad

## feedback

### Offer your time, not just criticism

To Nancy Smith:

It would have been helpful if you had listed in your letter (March 8) some specific examples of what "aggravated" and disgusted you in past issues of the BULLET. I cannot remember ever having been disgusted by what the BULLET has had to say, although at times I was surprised. If you have been so disgusted, why did you not offer to write a counter article or to write a column expressing an alternate viewpoint? I do not think (and please correct me if I am mistaken) that you have ever offered to be on the staff.

I have been a staff photographer for the past year and a half and often have had to spend several hours a week working on the paper. I too have encountered much criticism from students who were dissatisfied with the BULLET. My suggestions that they write a letter to the editor or better still, join the staff, were usually met with hedging remarks about how much work they already had to do, how busy they were, etc., etc.

Putting out a weekly newspaper is a big job and it is an almost impossible task for a handful of staff members. We need more people in order to present varied viewpoints. If our opinions are different, how about letting us print yours in an article, not just a letter? Journalism, in this case, can be made into a participatory democracy if other students will offer their time as well as their criticism. You and all the other armchair critics on this campus are just as much to blame for the state of the BULLET.

Sincerely,

Becky Smith, '71

### Clarification needed for anonymous letter

To the Editor:

In response to N. W.'s (Name Withheld) letter, I feel a need to clarify a few points as I was directly involved with the girl and the circumstances. The letter related her view of the situation — I would like to present mine. As a witness to the "sickest and most perverted episode," I feel her accusation was quite unjust. The Residence Director did not "rudely" throw N. W.'s mother out of the dorm. She politely as possible re-informed N. W. of the regulation of no overnight guests in the dorm during exams. I say re-informed because the rule was clearly stated in a hall meeting the preceding week, as well as stated in the handbook (p. 68). The Residence Director was simply doing her job. She made all attempts to be polite and accommodating, offering to call a cab and a motel. All her efforts were rudely ignored.

I was disturbed a great deal about the letter and the impression it gave of the Resident Director. Knowing her personally, I know she takes a genuine and sincere interest in the girls in the dorm, but far from the point of prying into their personal lives and running to the Dean with "coveted tidbit(s) of gossip." What the girls do outside the dorm and with their personal lives is of no catty delight to her. By presenting the Residence Director as she does, N. W. unjustly condemns one of the representatives of the administration who is sincerely interested and enthusiastic about what is happening on this campus.

Kathy Duley, '72

### Just plain stupid

To the Editor:

I have read a lot of editorials that make me angry but I have never been moved to comment publicly until I read your editorial on Honor in the last BULLET.

I realize that, as I am only a freshman, I am not an authority on many things. Certainly I would never dream of considering myself an authority on Honor—I'll leave that to upperclassmen—but I do feel that your last paragraph was "ludicrous" and without foundation, and your sentence "honor is apparently nonexistent" was just plain stupid.

Since time began we have had crime, and laws to protect the innocent. The fact that we still have crime is a sign that these laws have

not always been an adequate solution to the problem. However, no one has yet had the courage to suspend all laws—the public has clung to tradition (and their skins) and allowed the laws to do the best they could by scaring the faint-hearted criminals into "honesty," making the cautious ones stop, look, and forget about the whole thing, and usually making the stout-hearted villains wish they had forgotten about it too.

I believe our Honor System has produced the same results here. Just check the records of other schools who don't have a code and compare the crime rates. You'll see just how effective our code is.

It hasn't stopped crime; but then, nothing else has either. It has been a good deterrent, and that's something, if not everything.

As for your little comment about "non-existent" honor let me say that, while I can only speak for myself, I do believe I am pretty honorable; and although it's pretty flattering to think I'm the only person on campus who is fairly honorable, I am sure I can share that claim with others. The crime here does not indicate a fault in the system—only in the individuals themselves; just because they are without honor does not point to a breakdown in everyone's ethics.

I like the Honor Code—it helps me to trust people; and the world needs more trust. I'm sorry that you've lost your ability to trust in others, because let me tell you—it's a beautiful feeling.

Sincerely,  
Linda Mathews, '74

### Honor is useless here

To the Editor:

Your editorial on honor in last week's BULLET was especially meaningful to me. The Friday of that week my new \$60 bicycle was stolen from in front of Bushnell dorm. It was locked, but that didn't stop the thief. When precautions are taken and a person is still robbed, things have reached a very sorry state. It is impossible to explain how I felt, but the other people who have been robbed this year will know. And what can be done? Nothing.

What good is an honor code when thieves steal whatever they want? In my opinion the honor code is useless. There is no way to make people honorable. Honor is a quality that a person either has or doesn't have, and apparently it is lacking on this campus. There are those who will argue that it's not the students but the "townies" who are responsible for the stealing. This might be true in some cases, but not in all. The result is the same no matter who is at fault. The honor system is useless in a community where there is no honor.

I have no solution to the problem other than my own personal one—keep everything locked, for what good that does, and trust no one. A harsh line to take? Wait till you're robbed and see how you feel!

Sincerely,  
Karen Filpse, '73

### Give us a chance

To the Editor:

I have often felt slightly moved to write a "letter to the editor" but the defeat of the self-scheduled exams was motivation enough. To me the most upsetting aspect of the defeat was that it was looked upon as a potential threat to the Honor System. Instead of the faculty having faith in the Code and trusting us to take our exams and pledge them honestly, they seem to think that as soon as the Code is put to a test it will fail. I understand how a FEW faculty would think that self-scheduled exams would create too great temptation; however, this same temptation is constantly put before us when we are given a test in which there is more than one section to the course. This problem is taken care of with the phrase, "Please don't discuss this test 'til after next Friday." Why do exams have to be different? We have an honor system. I for one believe in it. Please, faculty, give us the chance to prove that the pledge is not just a bunch of words but a meaningful commitment to ourselves.

Sincerely,  
Pat Watts, '73

## THE bullet

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## A second chance

—by diane smith—

### ALL MY CHILDREN

by Jacqui Lee Schiff with Beth Day  
Foreword by Eric Berne, M.D.  
1970, M. Evans and Co., \$5.95

History has not been fossilized in Fredericksburg. It continues. A new Battle of Fredericksburg is being waged against the civil war which wracks some individuals: schizophrenia. An unusual family here is confronting this sickness with increasing appreciation of human fears and needs. *ALL MY CHILDREN*, by Jacqui Lee Schiff with Beth Day, is the chronicle of a family's mutual commitment to aid schizophrenics in finding a happy, normal life.

The Schiff treatment of schizophrenia is known as "reparenting." Jacqui Schiff reasons that the regressions experienced by schizophrenics represent a second chance for them to be exposed to a healthy childhood. If a regressed individual grows up again given the love and security absent from his original childhood, a healthy adult may result. To accomplish this end, the sick individual needs as much attention as a small child. Jacqui and Moe Schiff decided to

open their home to these "children," becoming parents to them.

The Schiffs ignore the modern taboos on personal involvement; children respond to affection. The "okayness" of people is asserted. It is acceptable to touch, to feel emotion, to "let it all hang out."

This attitude is apparent in the Natural Child Coffee House, run by some of the members of the Schiff "family." There is an unsophisticated gladness in people, an intangible touching of people who recognize each other's okayness.

The Schiff method is curing schizophrenia. It is doing so not by enlistment of a drug or shock treatment, but by being sensitive to human needs. *ALL MY CHILDREN* is a story about sick kids getting better.

In her book Jacqui Schiff vividly describes her efforts in treating and returning to life the 37 schizophrenic children that she and her husband took into their home. The book is absorbing; it aids in understanding the adult through the child he was. The book is available in the College bookstore; proceeds will go to the Schiff "family."

## 20 from MWC attend counter-conference

The Peace and Justice Counter-Conference held March 11 was to serve as an alternative to The National Conference on the Judiciary which was being held a mile away in Williamsburg.

Demonstrations against Nixon, who was to speak at the Williamsburg Convention Center, were discouraged. It was hoped that, with this tactic, Nixon would reply to the demands that were sent to him that morning. Nixon made no mention of the demands during his 45-minute stop.

Allen Ginsberg and Rennie Davis were the major speakers at the Counter-conference. Ginsberg read

his poem "For Spring of 1971," and chanted Om for about five minutes. Rennie Davis spoke of the activities planned for Spring, leading up to the May Day demonstration on May 1.

The crowd was listless and unresponsive to most of the speakers. Five thousand were expected to attend, but well under the estimate actually came. Approximately 20 students from MWC were present.

The greatest response came to the ex-GI who said that "killing is the ultimate male chauvinistic trip—to be like John Wayne. But it isn't worth shit when you are scared."

## news

There will be a **bridal flower show** tonight at 6:30 p.m. in ACL ballroom.

The **MWC Senate** will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in ACL 107.

**Dr. J. N. Findlay**, professor of moral philosophy and metaphysics at Yale University, will lecture on "The Cortical Predicament" Wednesday, March 17, at 11:15 a.m. in ACL ballroom.

The **MWC Dance Workshop** will present a short program of three dances in GW auditorium Wednesday, March 17 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The **MWC Players** will present performances of William Wycherly's play "The Country Wife" March 17-20. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in duPont Theatre.

The **campus film**, "Ship of Fools," will be shown Friday, March 19, at 8 p.m. in GW auditorium. The film stars Lee Marvin, Elizabeth Ashley, Oscar Werner, and George Segal.

The **Lehigh University Band** will present a concert Saturday night, March 20, at 8:15 in GW auditorium.

The film, "The Gospel According to St. Matthew" will be shown Monday, March 22, at 6:45 p.m. in GW Auditorium. It is being sponsored by the MWC department of religion.

There will be a **general student recital** Monday night, March 22, at 6:45 in duPont auditorium.

The **MWC Senate** will meet Tuesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in ACL 107.

**Dr. George F. Bass**, professor of classical archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak on "A Decade of Underwater Archaeology" Wednesday, March 24, at 11:15 a.m. in Monroe 21.

**Major Counseling Afternoon** will be held Wednesday, March 24, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Cams Hall.

The **MWC Band** will present a concert Wednesday night, March 24, at 7:30 in duPont Auditorium.

### Classified

**WANTED** to rent or sublet, completely furnished apartment within walking distance of MWC. Married student and small child. Summer session 1971. Reply: Mrs. Harrison, 547A Kelley, Fort Knox, Ky.

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photo by Anne Gordon Grever

Members of the MWC Dance Company strike a gracefully balanced pose in one of the dances from their program which was presented last week. The program included classical as well as modern dance numbers.

## feedback continued

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### Bradford extends thanks

To the Editor:

First I would like to extend my congratulations to Beth Conrad, the newly elected Honor Council President. Undoubtedly, next year will be a crucial one in respect to the Honor System's future on our campus. I know from working with Beth on the Council that she is a very capable person, and with the support of the student body, she will be able to initiate changes to strengthen and improve the present constitution.

Secondly, I extend my thanks to all those individuals who supported me in my campaign for Honor Council President. Especially I thank my campaign manager Mary Cinalli for her untiring energy and Ellen Smartt who worked

so extensively on my posters. To the rest of you who campaigned for me and helped make and distribute literature, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your efforts.

All of us in Beth's campaign and my own have something to be proud of after this year's election. We have shown that we do not consider the Honor System "ludicrous, meaningless, or worn-out." Now that March 10 is behind us, we can combine our efforts toward achieving the aims we campaigned for in the last few weeks.

To you, Beth, I would like to say that you have my full confidence and support. As a concerned student on this campus I will do all I can to help these aims become a reality.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Bradford

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